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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Chip R&D Implementation Investigation Amendment

- REFERENCES: a. Memorandum for Chief, TSSG from [ ] Dated 5 June 1969; Subject: Chip R&D  
b. Development Objectives: Chip R&D Implementation Investigation  
c. Proposal from [ ] Dated 14 May 1969

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1. This chip R&D effort is directed toward providing the Center with a study which will set forth all the technical parameters for implementation of an operational chip system. This task will provide a technical base and appreciation for required equipment developments as a function of various operational contingency plans. (This is not a study to determine whether or not we need chips.) The final output will be a report containing complete and detailed information of technical options and alternatives to enable the Center to make judicious selection of an operable system in the event such a situation becomes necessary.

2. At a briefing on the FY-69 Chip R&D Program on 4 June 1969, Mr. [ ] expressed concern (reference a) over the guidance and specific parameters to be given by us to [ ] to direct their study. As a consequence, the following steps will be taken to alleviate this concern and provide the proper orientation of the Contractor.

3. It is proposed to amend the Development Objectives (reference b) and the proposal (reference c) to include a milestone point at the completion of the Requirements Analysis Task stated in reference c. The Requirements Analysis Task is in reality an operational orientation period for the Contractor wherein he will be familiarized with Center operations through existing data and reports and through meetings and queries of management, thus disrupting the operational components as little as possible.

4. The amendment milestone will furnish time to provide the Contractor with alternatives in the way of chip requirements, chip format guidance, policies and procedures, and generally control the direction of effort on the study. It will also permit the Contractor to present those questions that must be answered in order to perform a judicious study.

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5. A small task team consisting of IAS, LEG, PSG and DED personnel will be established to determine the alternatives to be presented and to provide the proper orientation of the Contractor. Concurrence is requested for the establishment of the task team and the objectives as set forth.

6. The amended proposal and forwarding documentation are to be prepared for management approval by 18 June 1969.

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Chief, Development & Engineering Division,  
TESG

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